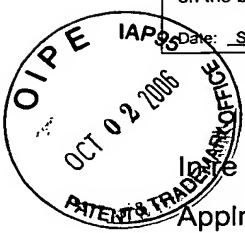


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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Request for Extension of Time; Response to Office Action of June 13, 2006
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☒ An extension fee in an amount of \$120.00 for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or surcharge in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$180=			+\$360=	
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Fee payment:

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above-identified fee(s) is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$120.00. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Sept. 28, 2006
 Date

Respectfully submitted,
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